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OR, AN

ANSWER

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As have Shewn Themſelves

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IN

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IT has always been the Practice of this pretended *Moderate Party*, to anticipate the Diſſolutions of Parliament, by Scattering abroad Liſts of ſuch Worthy Members, as have been Impediments to their Deſigns, on purpoſe to prepoſſeſs their Electors againſt 'em. But one would have thought this Artifice of theirs was grown ſo *Stale*, that it would have been Super-Annuated by being us'd ſo often in the late **Glorious Reign**, and of no farther Service to them. But their Thoughts are different from other Men's, and the more any thing has made for their purpoſe, the more they expect it ſhall continue to advance their Intereſt. Like the Fiſherman who fell into a Grievous Paſſion with his Net that had brought him Home many a delicate Kettle of Fiſh, becauſe it could not hold out, after it had been worn to Pieces, to do the ſame for him at every Turn. Becauſe their **Sham Vindications**, their **Ballads**, and their **Legion Letters** formerly intercepted, and gain'd over the Voices of Poor, Unwary, Credulous People, they expect the ſame Effect now; when if they would have Conſider'd how little an Impreſſion their **Vine-Tavern Black Liſt** (wherein moſt of the Gentlemen put down in this, made an Honou-

rable Appearance) made upon Elections that were ſubſequent to it, they would have had no Thoughts of Engaging in the ſame Project again, but have had recourſe to another Experiment. But poor Wretches! Their Fancy is Jaded, their Invention Tir'd, and their Stratagems ſo Bewilder'd, that they make good *Solomon*'s Aſſertion, and prove that there is *nothing New* (among them) *under the Sun*. Nor need there, ſince they are arriv'd at ſuch a Height of **Villainy**, ſuch a **Perfection** of **Calumny** and **Reproach**, that to gain their **God Wood** is enough to gain any Perſon the **Ill One** among Men of Honeſt and Unſuſpected Characters. Tho' we ought to thank 'em for this Piece of Policy in Behalf of the *Church*, ſince in Publiſhing theſe *Venerable Names*, they gave an Opportunity to the *Whole Kingdom*, of knowing what Gentlemen are prepar'd to ſtand in the *Gap* againſt all Invaſions of the Rights of the Eſtabliſhed Religion. But theſe **Incendiaries**, will return for their Anſwer, That the Perſons taken Notice of in their **Liſt**, would have Tack'd the **Occaſional Conformity** Bill to the *Land-Tax*, and upon that Account muſt be in the *French* Intereſt, becauſe they did it on Purpoſe to Obſtruct our Carrying on the War into *Champaign* and *Burgundy* this Year. For Heaven's ſake, how could this be? They could not imagine the Houſe of L—— would have Voted againſt it, eſpecially when it came unto them with much Eaſier Terms for the *Diſſenters*, than even they Propos'd in their own *Scheme*, the Seſſions before; and they were ſuch Avow'd Enemies to *Lewis* the 14th, as not to Stick at a few *Punctilio's*, while the Common Cauſe requir'd the Greateſt Diſpatch: Neither had the Commons the leaſt Surmiſe that any among 'em, Eſpecially a Bp could read a long Speech, and that before Her *Majeſty*, who is Juſtly Stil'd the Defender of the Faith, in order to Kick it out of the Houſe. However, it was Actually ſo, and we ought to thank the *Sneakers*, who hung down their Heads and Cowardly Deſerted the *Cauſe* of their *Creator*, for withdrawing Themſelves, at a Time, when there was moſt Occaſion for their Aſſiſtance, and leaving the Church of *England*, in a *Church of England Reign*, without any other Proviſion made for, than what had been taken Care of even in the Days of *Popery* and *Slavery*! Theſe would make a *Black Liſt* without a

Sarcaſm;

Sarcasm; and it's Pity but Sir *Fr*—— *Ch*——, Mr. *H*——, and the Rest of the *Sheep-Biting* Gang, would enter themselves as Registred Men, for the **Occasional Conformist's** Service.

It is to be hop'd the Persons whom this valuable *List* is Address'd to, will make that Use of it as it Deserves, and take Notice, That the Gentlemen of the Best Estates in the *Kingdom* are in it, which is a Sufficicient Argument of their being in no other Interest, than in that of their *Queen*, and *Country*, where they have such Large Demesns: Since they have most to Lose in Case the *French* King should be too hard for Us, and of Consequence will be the more Vigilant, and upon their Guard to Preserve what they are Possess'd of.

It is likewise desir'd they would be pleas'd to take Notice, That the *Church* which they are such Brave Assertors of its *Rites*, is National, That there is an Act of Parliament for *Uniformity*, and that it is not Repeal'd by the **Toleration** Act, which is in no wise Invaded on Account of this *Bill*; and that those who make it their Business to Secure the Establish'd Religion, can have no sinister Designs, against the Establish'd Government, or the Publick Good.

They are also Requested to distinguish between *Moderate Men*, and Men of *Heat* and *Passion*; Between such as leave the *Decision* of *Elections* wholly to the *People*, and such as make Use of **Clandestine Means** by way of *Publick Prints* to Amuse them in their *Free Votes*, and Endeavour by **Fraud** and **Apparent Falshoods**, to Draw 'em over to a **Party** that make it their Business to Embroil Affairs, and would Introduce *Anarchy* and *Confusion* into the Best of Constitutions.

Lastly, That they make a Difference between such as wholy Rely upon their Countrymen's Affections, without having any Recourse to *Publick Prints*, to Blacken their *Adversaries*; and such as having neither *Honour*, *Wealth*, or *Honesty* to Plead for 'em, are forc'd to do it in order to Varnish over their own Real Guilt, by Exclaiming against what is only *Fictitious*; and bear it in their Mind, that those who have no other Value for God's Holy Worship, than to Endeavour to let the *Wolves* in *Sheeps Cloathing*, Break into the *Pales* of the *Church*, can neither be good *Subjects*, good *Christians*, or good *Patriots*, which makes it

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of Abſolute Neceſſity that they be not Credited, *leſt a Worſe Thing come unto Us.*

Not but the *Church* of *England* might even the *Tally* with theſe *Whigs*, and pay them in their own Coin, could they deſcend to ſuch Sordid and Mean Inclinations. The Liſt of ſuch as Voted againſt this Bill in *Both Houſes*, would be a Sufficient Anſwer to theirs; But they are ſo well ſatisfy'd in the Affections and Juſtice of their Country, as to leave themſelves wholly to their Determinations without it. The **Kit-Kat Club** in the *Pall-Mall*, might alſo Furniſh them with ſufficient Heads for ſuch an Undertaking; they being given to underſtand that they are fall'n off the Deſign of their firſt Inſtitution; and from turning *Criticks* upon *Wit*, are fall'n into *Criticiſms* upon *Policy*, I might ſay **Agents** in it; but flinging *Dirt* is none of their Talent, and they leave ſuch Undertakings to the *Conſolidator-Monger*, *Daniel D' Foe*, and his very worthy Fellow-Labourer in **Sedition**, *John Tutchin*, *Cenſor Morum*, and *Obſervator General*, not without ſome Aſſurances, That the *One*'s Dealing in the *World of the Moon*, may once more provide him a Stronger Place than is Prepared for *Lunaticks*; and the *Other*'s Perſeverance in Writing more *Ballads* to the *Tune* of *One Hundred Thirty Four*, may again ſend him either a Grazing from his Truſty *Roger's October*, or bring him to the *Place*, which he gives out, *is only Provided for Bakers*, an Airy *Scotch* Caſement; for not to Flatter him, the ſame Perſon that Compliments him with this, has that Numerical *Ballad* to ſhew in his own Hand-Writing, which the *Reader* may take as follows.

I Think I ſhall never Diſpair
The Beating at *Blenheim* full ſore,
Since I have gotten ſome where
One Hundred and Thirty Four.

Tho' *Marl——gh* has Ruin'd my Cauſe,
I'll ſoon the Matter Reſtore,
For amongſt their Makers of Laws,
I've One hundred Thirty four.

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The *C——b* I've Nourish'd so long,
In Time will pay off their Score,
For I find his Party is Strong,
'Tis One hundred Thirty four.

The Land-Tax had surely miscarried,
And I had had All in my Power,
Had but the Question been Carry'd
By one Hundred Thirty four.

But they have put some of my Friends
Into Places of *Profit* and *Power*,
Which spoil'd for this Sessions the Ends
Of one Hundred thirty four.

There's *Ha——d*, and *H---ty*, and *H---w*,
And St. *J---n*, and *Ma——l*, and *M--re*,
Have now Forsaken their *Friends*
The One hundred Thirty four.

But I think my Affairs at Sea
Go Better than ever Before,
Since they are Employ'd that way
Of one Hundred Thirty four.

Their Captains Surrender with Ease
Their Convoy and Ships of War,
Which shews they're all of a Piece
With One hundred Thirty four.

I'll send their *K---g* Home to his Throne,
Which his *Father* abandon'd before,
Where he'll be Supported and own'd
By One hundred Thirty four.

The *Scotch* will no longer Deceive him.
The Channel is Guarded no more;
The *Party* which is to Receive him
Is One hundred Thirty four.

St. *Poll* with an *Engliſh Fleet*,
To the Number of Half a Score,
Shall Guard him if it's thought meet
By One hundred Thirty four.

I'll not value the *Whigs* of a Louſe,
Tho' a Check be given to my *Power*,
I'm Secure in a *Proteſtant* Houſe
Of One hundred Thirty four.

To keep their Brave Allies in Heart,
I'm glad their *Friend Talard*'s gone o're,
I hope he'll again do his part
With One hundred Thirty four.

Tho' he Sheath'd his *Sword* with Diſgrace
Yet he knows how to draw a *Lovi'dore*,
That Weapon will always take place
With One hundred Thirty four.

When my Troops from *Bavaria* were Packing,
No *Plaiſter* ſo fitted my Sore,
As the Brawling, and Wrangling, and Tacking
Of One hundred Thirty four.

The *King* of the *Spaniards* and *Romans*
Will be humbled and turn'd out of Doors,
If *I* get but a New Houſe of Commons
Like One hundred Thirty four.

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